

Regular Meeting of City Council
Austin Texas August 9. 1876

Council Called to order at 4.30 P M W Chandler
President of the Board of Aldermen in the Chair

Roll called and the following members answered
Aldermen Brumbaugh, Cook, Daffinbaugh, Goodale, James, Larmon
Robinson and Taylor About Alderman Shuts

Journal of July 10th and 13th read and adopted

Petition of John Richardson stating that the assessments
for taxes on his property had been raised from 1000. to 1700
and asking that the property be placed at the assessments ren-
dered by him

On Motion of Alderman Robinson the Petition was laid
on the Table

Petition of Dave Elliott, J A Russell and others asking that
a bridge be erected across Waller Creek at the crossing of
Mulberry St between Red River and Sabine Streets

On Motion of Alderman Cook the Petition was referred
to the Street Committee

Petition of Crank and Walker stating that they
propose to publish and issue a full and complete Directory
of the City of Austin, and asking the City of Austin to
subscribe for One hundred Copies of the work at a price
not to exceed Five dollars per Copy

On Motion of Alderman Taylor the Petition was
referred to the Committee on Printing

Petition of Ellen Johnson stating that she had is-
sued to her City Warrant No 395 on the City Treasurer for
the sum of fifteen dollars, and that the said warrant has
been lost, and asking that a duplicate warrant be issued
to her

Alderman Cook moved that the Mayor be autho-
rized to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer for
the sum of fifteen dollars in favor of Ellen Johnson on
condition that the said Ellen Johnson gives a good and
sufficient bond payable to the City of Austin to secure the said
City of Austin against loss

Carried

Report of City Sexton for the Month of July 1876
Received

Report of City Physician for the Month of July 1876
Received

Report of City Marshal for the Month of July 1876
Received

Report of City Engineer for the month of July 1876
Received

Report of City Assessor and Collector for the quarter
ending July 31st 1876 Received

Report of City Treasurer for the quarter ending
July 31st 1876 Received

Report of City Clerk for the quarter ending
July 31st 1876 Received

Alderman Bromond moved that a Special
Committee of three be appointed, and that the reports
of the City Treasurer, City Assessor and City Clerk
be referred to said Committee

The President appointed Alderman Bromond
Shute and Duffenbaugh as the special Committee

Account in favor of Mrs. E. A. Hicks for \$86⁰⁰ for
clothing destroyed at small pox hospital by order of City Authorities

On Motion of Alderman Duffenbaugh the account
was referred to the City Marshal and to the Surveyor with
power to make a settlement

Accounts of J. D. Moore for \$30⁰⁰ and S. G. Kingoberry
for \$49⁵⁰ for Boarding Texas Veterans was presented for
approval

On Motion of Alderman James the accounts of
Mrs. Alderman, Belmont, Goodale, Deane, Lamm, Adams & Taylor, Mrs. Alderman Cook & Duffenbaugh
Moore and Kingoberry was laid on the Table by the following vote,

Petition of Mrs. Mary Payne asking permission
to repair wooden building with shingles said building being
situated in the fire limit

On Motion of Alderman James the Petition was
laid on the Table

Account of Eli Green for services as boat driver
for eight days amounting to \$9⁶⁰

On Motion of Alderman Bromond the account was
ordered paid and the necessary amount appropriated for additional
expenses for the month of July 1876

By Alderman Duffenbaugh Be it Resolved by
the City Council of the City of Austin That Twenty five
dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby
appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not
otherwise appropriated for the purpose of purchasing
window shades for the Council Chamber and the several
Offices. And Twenty five dollars for desk for City Clerk
Carried

By Alderman Duffenbaugh Be it resolved by the
City Council of the City of Austin That the sum of fifty

dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of purchasing Balls, Chains and Shackles for the use of the City in working prisoners on the Streets. That the City Marshal is hereby authorized to purchase the same. which purchase shall be approved by the Mayor
Carried

By Alderman Taylor. Whereas the Merchants of this City have paid two quarters of this year (more or less) one per cent license tax under the ordinances of the City, calculated to be one fourth of one per cent license, and three fourths of one per cent of the Ad-valorem tax, upon their Merchandise and whereas they have been re-assessed for an ad-valorem tax of one per cent for the year 1876 it would be not more than just to refund the three fourths of one per cent already paid by them for this year.

Therefore Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to refund to each Merchant the three fourths of one per cent already paid by him or them, by issuing a City Warrant to the parties so entitled to that amount
Carried

By Alderman Robinson Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of Messrs Duffenbaugh and James for services rendered as a board of Appraisers for the City of Austin

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the resolution passed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Brannon, Cook, Goodale, Larmon, Robinson and Taylor. Aldermen Duffenbaugh and James was excused from voting. Nays None

Alderman Cook presented the following

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To his Honor the Mayor and City Council

Whereas it has come to the ears of several members of this Council, that there are several drinking and gambling houses in the 1st Ward violating an Ordinance of this City which requires all such houses to close at 12 o'clock midnight. Therefore be it resolved that the City Marshal see that all houses of this character promptly close at that hour and it shall not be so construed that when the front doors is said house are closed that the

above ordinance is complied with, when the rear and intended meaning of the ordinance is that the rear doors shall be closed also, and it is emphatically the wish and desire of this City Council that this ordinance be strictly enforced. Carried

Alderman Cook presented the following to his fellow the Mayor and City Council
Whereas the fact is known and generally believed that there are certain officers under the pay of this City that are in the habit of violating certain ordinances

Therefore be it resolved that the Police Committee are respectfully asked to make a thorough and complete investigation of all such violators and report as soon as practicable to the City Council. Carried

The City Marshal presented charges against Police Officer J W Lane

On Motion the matter was referred to Police Committee

By Alderman Taylor Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that no more coffins or burial expenses be allowed except the party so requesting shall state under oath their inability to defray such expenses. Carried

On Motion of Alderman Cook the Council adjourned

John L. Herbert
City Clerk